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**SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE'S REMARKS CONCERNING
INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS AGAINST
DAVID MICHAEL RENAUD, TEACHER IN
SCOTTSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PHOENIX (Tuesday, January 15, 2003) -- Arizona Department of Education initiated an investigation into David Michael Renaud on Monday, January 13, 2003, after having been informed by the Scottsdale School District, pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-514, which dictates a threshold for offenses that must be reported to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education has jurisdiction solely over the certificate holder's certificate. The Arizona Department of Education's Teacher Certification Unit of the State Board of Education and Investigation Unit runs a thorough criminal check on every teacher applying for certification and for every renewal of that certification.

Employment related matters will be handled by the school district – in this case Scottsdale School District. Criminal investigations are handled by local law enforcement – in this case the Paradise Valley Police Department. Please direct relevant inquiries on employment or criminal matters to these agencies.

This investigation will take all allegations into account, and I have full confidence in the thoroughness of our Investigation Unit in making a recommendation on disciplinary action on individuals' certificates.

For particular questions please refer to the following statutes: A.R.S. § 15-203.20, Duties of the Board of Education; A.R.S. § 15-514, Reporting Requirements; A.R.S. § 15-350 Creation of Investigative Arm and finally, Arizona Administrative Code Title 41 Due Process.

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